reserve
August 27th through 31st
for the

1980 Middlebury Alumni College

at the Bread Loaf Campus

Middlebury's Alumni College has grown dramatically since its inception in 1976. We now have, in addition to the Labor Day weekend Alumni College, several Alumni College Seminars scheduled in the months following it. There seems to be, however, a special affection for the fall weekend which helped begin this process, and we are especially pleased with the selections offered to you in 1980.

We urge you to mail in your reservation form with full payment early in order to insure reservations; last year we had to turn down some of you who very much wanted to come. By increasing the number of weekend seminars available, we are hoping to make sure that there are options available for all who are interested. Nonetheless, if you wish to participate in the Labor Day weekend Seminar, do let us know as soon as you can.

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MIDDLEBURY, VT 05753

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MEDIEVAL LEGACIES IN MODERN AMERICA

with Professors Pardon Tillinghast and John McCardell

The 15th and 20th centuries appear very different on the surface. They are; if there is a mirror, it is very distant indeed. But some characteristics of the 15th century are worth examining in our present terms, and some of our present characteristics are equally worth examining in *their* terms: the process should go both ways. This is an unusual approach, because one learns about the early 15th century and the late 20th century in quite different ways. Thus we shall not only look at knights in armor and people in front of TV sets, but at how we learn about societies now and then.

MORTAL QUESTIONS

with Professors Victor Nuovo and Lynne Baker

"All men are mortal" is a commonplace, but what does it mean to be mortal and to know it? What does death mean and how should we live in anticipation of it? What ought we to value in the face of it?

This course is not simply about death, but about the life of mortal beings. In addition to inquiries about death and immortality, we shall also ask about the nature of human life, about the relation of mind to body, sexuality and human equality, whether life has any meaning or is but a vain and absurd episode in an indifferent universe. In our approach to all of these questions, we shall show how to develop a philosophical method of inquiry that will help us to make our way through life undeceived by ourselves or by others.

NATURAL VISION

with Professors John Elder and William Glassley

Science and poetry offer different ways for people to refine their perceptions of the natural world and to communicate just what it is that they experience. The goal of our course is to explore the extent to which these two modes of natural vision are complementary. The central book discussed in class will be Loren Eiseley's *The Immense Journey*, which is a sensitive integration of science and poetic imagination. In addition, we will examine different expressions of natural vision by considering excerpts from scientific papers, as well as poems from such writers as Frost, Roethke, and the contemporary American poet A.R. Ammons. Augmenting these activities will be excursions into the beautiful terrain surrounding Bread Loaf to sharpen our own responses to the natural world.

SHAW AND CHEKHOV: PLAYS IN PERFORMANCE

with Professors Douglas Sprigg and John Bertolini

Chekhov: "Let the things that happen on stage be just as complex and yet as simple as they are in life."

Shaw: "My method of getting a play across the footlights is like a revolver shooting: every line has a bullet in it and comes with an explosion."

The plays of Shaw and Chekhov require special acting styles. Through classroom discussions, acting workshops, and the viewing of films, we will explore ways of reading and performing their plays. Interested class members may participate in the presentation of a program of scenes for the entire Alumni College community.

The cost, covering 11 meals, four nights of lodging, class instruction, books and recreation is $175 for each adult, payable upon registration.

Classes will be held at Bread Loaf on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday mornings. Most afternoons will be free for recreation.

Opportunities for tennis, swimming, hiking, etc., will be offered at Bread Loaf, and the College Golf Course in Middlebury is available with reasonable greens fees.

If you wish to attend Middlebury Alumni College V, please complete the attached reservation form and return it with full payment by June 30 to ALUMNI OFFICE, MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE, P.O. BOX 500, MIDDLEBURY, VT 05753.

MIDDLEBURY ALUMNI COLLEGE V
AUGUST 27 to 31, 1980
BREAD LOAF

Yes—I am interested in attending Alumni College V.
Please reserve ( ) place(s) for myself ( ), my spouse ( ).
Enclosed is payment in the amount of $175, per person.
Make check payable to Middlebury College.

Name ..... Class.....
Alumna ( ), Alumnus ( ), Parent(s) ( )

Address .....
Street & No.

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City State Zip

Spouse's Name .....

I ( ), We ( ) am/are interested in the following topic:

- ☐ **Medieval Legacies in Modern America**
- ☐ **Mortal Questions**
- ☐ **Natural Vision**
- ☐ **Shaw and Chekhov: Plays in Performance**

If my choice is filled, I would be interested in _____

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